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entertainment of an additional staff of ten warders and one Head Warder is only for three months as a temporary measure. The reason for appointing such a staff are six-fold. One is in connection with the fodder cultivation in the Jail compound. Then, extramural work in the *Thozhuppurai* at Pujappurai demands some staff. Next comes the expanded industrial activities such as leather works and the introduction of more looms in the weaving institution. Then to meet rapid increase in jail population, the existing staff is quite inadequate. Again, there is necessity for block warders in all the blocks. As it is, this very important work is done by the convicts, which is unhealthy, unsatisfactory and dangerous. Very often the convict warders are in league with the convicts and a lot of "hanky-panky" is going on. This kind of work must be taken away from them and warders must be employed for that purpose. The opening of sentry posts in the under-trial segregation and condemend prisoners' wards necessitates the employment of separate warders in addition to the existing staff. Then the main gates have to be watched properly against the entry of contraband articles through them. This aspect of check and patrol work has been found to be very unsatisfactory, so much so a lot of contraband has gone into the jail. It is therefore necessary to entrust this work to a responsible officer at least of the rank of a last grade Head Warder. It may look very humourous to know that a woman has not gone into the jail, but the convicts had immoral intimacy with women outside. Matters have come to such a state. I may also add that with the staff asked for, I may be able to improve the lot of the convicts to a considerable extent, fom the point of view of utility. In these circumstances, I request the House to pass this grant.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 378 under Demand XV—Jails for appointing an additional staff of warders in the Central Prison.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XX—AGRICULTURE.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 6,140 under Demand XX—Agriculture, for working certain schemes financed by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research. There are three schemes which have been approved by the Council in pursuance of the recommendations of this Government. The first one releates to what is called a 'Village Project' in South Travancore. The basic idea underlying the project is to introduce in the village as a whole all improvements such as tillage methods, manurial treatments, irrigation etc., simultaneously with a view to secure the maximum outturn from land and the greatest possible financial advantage. This scheme is of great importance to Travancore especially in view of the fact that the chief impediment that stands in the way of extending improved methods of agriculture is the extremely fragmented and subdivided nature of the holdings of the cultivators. The village of Thazakudy has been selected for the purpose and the people there are very willing to co-operate with the

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Department in this behalf. The scheme sanctioned by the Imperial Council is proposed to be carried out for a period of five years. The total cost of the scheme for the five year period will amount to Rs. 9,854 which will be shared on 50: 50 basis by the Imperial Council and this Government. As the honourable members are aware, the year of the Imperial Council commences from the 1st of April every English year. That is the reason why this demand was not brought up during the regular Budget session of the House.

The second of the schemes is a Milk recording scheme which is a close adjunct to the scheme of grading up of cattle that has been inaugurated in and around the Trivandrum town. The honourable members know fully well that the condition of our cattle could be beter imagined than described. The cattle here are of a mongrel, non-descript type, out of which it is well nigh impossible to attempt at evolving a definite type by selective breeding. The local cows are very poor milkers. The Imperial Council have recognised the importance of this scheme. It is very necessary to find out to what extent improvements in the milk yield of our cows could be effected. The scheme is planned to work for a period of five years in order to allow of the first lactation of the first generation being studied. In view of the great benefit that will accrue to the State, it is proposed to start the scheme in April 1942 and a sum of Rs. 308 is necessary for the current year.

The third scheme relates to the extension of the scheme of research on the root and leaf diseases of the cocoanut palm in South India.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know whether the Imperial Council is contributing its share towards these problems?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, the expenses are to be shared half and half by them and this Government.

In regard to the subject relating to cocoanut diseases, I dwelt on it at length in my speech during the Budget Session of this House. The Council have decided that the scheme should be extended for a further period of five years with a view to test out in the field the results of the laboratory investigations carried on so far. On account of the importance of the subject, it is necessary to pursue investigations still further on the lines adopted and do all that is possible to remedy the situation. The cost of the scheme comes to about Rs. 4,152 and one half of this expenditure will be borne by the Imperial Council. In view of the great practical value of the scheme I hope honourable members of the House will concede this demand.

PRESIDENT: I am very glad that the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research is taking interest in far-off Travancore and are encouraging some of our schemes. I have no doubt that the House will be glad to vote this amount.

The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 6,140 under Demand XX - Agriculture for working out schemes financed by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made,

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